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2 disciplinary action against Respondent.

3           6.     This Consent Agreement and Interim Order does not constitute a dismissal or  
4 resolution of this or other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not  
5 constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction. The  
6 acceptance of this Consent Agreement and Interim Order does not preclude any other agency,  
7 subdivision or officer of this State from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with  
8 respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement and Interim Order.

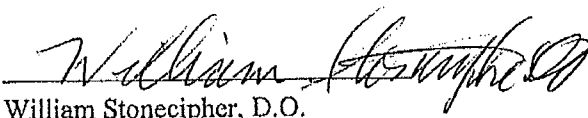
9           7.     Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to  
10 the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the acceptance of the Consent  
11 Agreement and Interim Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document.  
12 Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved  
13 by the parties.

14           8.     This Consent Agreement and Interim, once approved and signed, is a public  
15 record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to  
16 the National Practitioner Data Bank and to the Board's website.

17           9.     If any part of the Consent Agreement and Interim Order is later declared void or  
18 otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement and Interim Order in its  
19 entirety shall remain in force and effect.

20           10.    If the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement and Interim Order, (1)  
21 Respondent will not assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of the Consent Agreement  
22 and Interim Order constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense; and (2) the  
23 Board will not consider content of this Consent Agreement and Interim Order as an admission by  
24 Respondent.

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2 REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED THIS 11 DAY OF May, 2016.

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5 William Stonecipher, D.O.  
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8 **JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT**

9 1. The Board is empowered, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, et seq. to regulate the  
10 licensing and practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

11 2. Respondent holds license No. 0468 issued by the Board to practice as an  
12 osteopathic physician.

13 **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT (DO-15-0118A)**

14 1. On November 21, 2015, Respondent appeared before the Board at an  
15 Investigative Hearing regarding allegations made in complaint number DO-15-0118A.  
16 Respondent appeared personally and on his own behalf.

17 2. Based on information contained in the Board's records and Respondent's  
18 testimony during the Investigative Hearing, the Board is concerned that Respondent has fallen  
19 below the standard of care in the prescribing of controlled substances to patients. It appears  
20 Respondent has excessively over-prescribed controlled substances for numerous patients.

21 3. The Board determined that additional information is necessary prior to entering a  
22 final order adjudicating these matters.

23 4. The Board will continue the Investigative Hearing at a future Board meeting.

24 **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT (DO-15-0228A)**

25 5. On April 9, 2016, Respondent appeared before the Board at an Investigative  
26 Hearing regarding allegations made in complaint number DO-15-0228A. Respondent appeared  
27 personally and on his own behalf.

1           6.     Based on information contained in the Board's records and Respondent's  
2 information and medical records, the Board has similar concerns as raised in DO-15-0118A  
3 regarding prescribing practices and asserts that Respondent may have fallen below the standard  
4 of care in the prescribing of controlled substances to patients.

5           7.     The Board and Respondent stipulate to combine the two cases for adjudication  
6 due to the similarity of cases and timeframes of the alleged actions.

7                           **INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8           1.     Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, *et seq.* the Board has subject matter and personal  
9 jurisdiction in this matter.

10          2.     The conduct and circumstances described in the Interim Findings of Fact above, if  
11 proven true, constitute unprofessional conduct as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1854:

12           (6)    Engaging in the practice of medicine in a manner that harms or may harm a  
13 patient or that the board determines falls below the community standard.

14           (38)   Any conduct or practice that endangers a patient's or the public's health or may  
15 reasonably be expected to do so.

16                           **INTERIM ORDER**

17           Pursuant to the authority vested in the Board, and based upon the Interim Findings of  
18 Fact and Interim Conclusions of Law, **THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

19           1.     Beginning on the effective the date of this Agreement, the license of

20                       **WILLIAM STONECIPHER, D.O.,** license no. 0468 is placed on a  
21 practice restriction. Pursuant to this practice restriction, Respondent is  
22 prohibited from prescribing controlled substances with the following  
23 exceptions:

24                   a. Testosterone;

25                   b. Tramadol; not to exceed 50mg tablets, 3 times per day for a period not  
26 to exceed two weeks. Should a patient require a Tramadol prescription  
27 for more than two weeks, the patient must be seen again by Respondent

1 and be re-evaluated to determine the necessity of the prescription; any  
2 subsequent prescriptions may not exceed two weeks.

- 3 c. Cyclobenzapine; not to exceed a period of two weeks. Should a patient  
4 require a Cyclobenzapine prescription for more than two weeks, the  
5 patient must be seen again by Respondent and re-evaluated to  
6 determine the necessity of the prescription; any subsequent  
7 prescriptions may not exceed two weeks.

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9 d. Lorazepam, for each prescription, limited to no more than 3 tablets per  
10 day and not to exceed a two week period. Should a patient require a  
11 Lorazepam prescription for more than two weeks, the patient must be  
12 seen again by Respondent and re-evaluated to determine the necessity  
13 of the prescription; any subsequent prescription may not exceed two  
14 weeks.

- 15 e. Codeine only when used in cough preparation; such a prescription shall  
16 not be for more than a two week period. Should a patient require a  
17 cough syrup for more than two weeks, the patient must be seen again  
18 by Respondent and re-evaluated to determine the necessity of the  
19 prescription; any subsequent prescription may not exceed two weeks.

20 2. In addition, Respondent shall not execute written certifications or recommendations  
21 for medical marijuana.

22 3. Further, Respondent is prohibited from directing any health care practitioner who is  
23 supervised, employed by or contracted with Respondent from prescribing any of these  
24 medications that Respondent is prohibited from prescribing until the Board continues its  
25 Investigative Hearing and issues a final decision or order in these matters.

26 4. Additionally, Respondent shall not practice in the area of pain management.  
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1 5. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the  
2 pending investigative files and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.

3 6. Any violation of this Consent Agreement and Interim Order constitutes  
4 unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action and or referral to the  
5 appropriate law enforcement agency.

6 7. The effective date of this Consent Agreement and Interim Order is the date it is  
7 signed by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board.



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9 ISSUED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2016.  
10 STATE OF ARIZONA  
11 BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS  
12 IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

13 By:

  
Jenna Jones, Executive Director

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15 Original filed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, with the:

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20 Copy of the foregoing sent via certified-mail return receipt requested this  
21 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 to:

22 William Stonecipher, D.O.  
23 Address of Record

24 Copy of the foregoing sent via regular mail  
25 this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 to:

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